

HOUSE BILL 1115

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-111(a); Section 2-2-107(a); Section 2-2-115(b); Section 2-4-102(a); Section 2-5-211(b); Section 2-6-102(a)(1); Section 2-6-102(b); Title 2, Chapter 6, Part 2 and Section 2-6-202(a)(3), relative to election laws.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-2-115(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (3) and substituting instead the following:

(3) Registration notification forms advising the applicant of the acceptance or rejection of the applicant's registration shall be completed and mailed by the county election commission to the applicant. If any registration notification form is undeliverable, it shall not be forwarded to another address but shall be returned to the county election commission mailing the form. If any registration notification form is returned as undeliverable and indicates an acceptance of a voter's registration, the administrator of elections shall mail a forwardable confirmation notice to the registrant at the address of registration with a postage prepaid, pre-addressed return form on which the voter may verify or correct the address information. Upon the mailing of the confirmation notice, the administrator of elections shall place the registration in inactive status pursuant to § 2-2-106(d).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-102(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "forty-five (45)" and substituting instead the language "sixty (60)".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-4-102(a)(2), is amended by deleting the language "forty-five (45)" and substituting instead the language "sixty (60)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-5-211(b), is amended in the first sentence by deleting the language “and at least five (5) days before an election”.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-102(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language “five (5)” and substituting instead the language “seven (7)”.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-102(b), is amended by deleting the language “five (5)” and substituting instead the language “seven (7)”.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-6-202(a)(3), is amended by inserting between subdivisions (B) and (C), the following new subsection, and renumbering the subdivisions appropriately:

( ) The voter’s date of birth;

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

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In the case of individuals who, pursuant to § 2-2-107(a) are registered to vote in a municipality as a non-resident property owner, the municipal legislative body may, by ordinance, direct such voters to cast the municipal ballots as absentee by mail ballots. Any municipal ordinance adopted pursuant to this section must be adopted and filed with the county election commission office no later than sixty (60) days before the election. Upon the filing of the municipal ordinance, a non-resident property owner may not thereafter vote in the election except by absentee ballot. No later than forty-five (45) days before the election, the election commission shall mail a notice to each voter registered as a non-resident property owner of the municipality advising the voter of the voting process and include an application for ballot for the municipal election. The election commission shall maintain a record of the municipal ordinance and shall

not require a municipality to adopt subsequent ordinances, unless the municipality has repealed such ordinance since the last election.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-12-111(a), is amended by deleting the language “ten (10)” and substituting instead the language “twenty-one (21)”.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.